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# **THE NCA COFFEE GIVES BACK PROGRAM**

## **2026 ORIGIN CHARITY SHOWCASE & AWARD**

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

#### **ABOUT THE NCA**

Established in 1911, the National Coffee Association of U.S.A., Inc. (NCA) is the oldest trade association representing the \$343 billion U.S. coffee industry. Through education, advocacy, and connection, the NCA serves hundreds of organizations—large and small—across the sector, including roasters, manufacturers, traders, brokers, importers, exporters, retailers, wholesalers/distributors, growers, NGOs, and allied companies. Visit [ncausa.org](https://ncausa.org) to learn more.

#### **THE NCA ORIGIN CHARITY SHOWCASE & AWARD OVERVIEW**

- The mission of the NCA Coffee Gives Back Program's Origin Charity Showcase and Origin Charity of the Year Award is to recognize the nonprofits dedicated to making a difference in coffee communities at origin through initiatives that (1) focus on capacity building or improving livelihoods and (2) create a stronger, more sustainable supply chain.
- The Origin Charity Showcase shines a year-long spotlight on the good works done by charitable organizations and/or their programs that directly benefit and impact coffee communities at origin and complements that focus with the Origin Charity of the Year Award.

#### **REASONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NCA COFFEE GIVES BACK PROGRAM**

##### **NCA ORIGIN CHARITY SHOWCASE**

- Showcase your organization's work and accomplishments.
- Increase awareness of your organization and brand reputation.
- Increase awareness and opportunities for engagement with new audiences.
- Heighten your visibility by being associated with the industry's leading trade association.

## REASONS TO ENTER THE 2026 NCA ORIGIN CHARITY OF THE YEAR AWARD

- The benefits listed above.
- Opportunity to have your organization and its good work recognized by industry leaders.
- The 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award Winner will receive one complimentary registration to attend the 2026 NCA Convention, the premier event for the U.S. coffee industry, which will be held March 12-14, 2026. Further benefits are outlined under “the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award.”

## NCA ORIGIN CHARITY SHOWCASE

### **A. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Eligible organizations must have 501(c)(3) Public Charity IRS status or its international equivalent.
2. The charitable organizations and/or their programs must directly benefit and impact coffee communities at origin through initiatives that (1) focus on capacity building or improving livelihoods and (2) create a stronger, more sustainable supply chain.
3. The Origin Charity Showcase and Origin Charity of the Year Award are open to both NCA members and non-members. NCA members in the Showcase will be identified with an “NCA Member” designation.
4. All charitable organizations that meet the eligibility requirements, no matter their size or revenues, are encouraged to participate in the Origin Charity Showcase and submit additional information to be considered for the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award.
5. NCA Membership is not a criterion for the Origin Charity Showcase and Origin Charity of the Year Award. NCA membership will not be used as an evaluative criterion in judging the applicants for the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award.

## **B. NCA ORIGIN CHARITY SHOWCASE BENEFITS**

1. Featured on a dedicated web page on the NCA website, which will include a link to the charitable organization's website home page.
2. Promotion through NCA communications channels.
3. Exclusive use of the NCA Origin Charity Showcase logo.
4. The opportunity to be considered for the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award.

**PLEASE NOTE: Additional information is required to be considered for the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award.**

## **C. APPLICATION PROCESS**

**The NCA Coffee Gives Back Program Application consists of two sections:**

- Section I: Information required to participate in the core Origin Charity Showcase.
- Section II: Additional information required by November 7, 2025, to be considered for the 2026 Origin Charity of the Year Award.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Origin Charity Showcase applications are accepted on a rolling basis. However, if you wish to be considered for the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award, **you must** fill out and submit **Sections I and II of the NCA Coffee Gives Back Program Application** by November 7, 2025.
- Application must be in English, and financial statements in any language other than English must include English translations.
- Origin Charity Showcase applicants resubmitting content from a previous application are strongly encouraged to update their applications to reflect the most current information.

**Questions?** Contact Terri Bartlett, Director of Member Relations, at (646) 924-4039 or [trbartlett@ncausa.org](mailto:trbartlett@ncausa.org).

## **D. APPLICATION NOTIFICATION AND PROGRAM PERIOD**

1. Charitable organizations accepted to the Origin Charity Showcase will be notified by email.
2. Participation in the Origin Charity Showcase is annual and will commence on the date of acceptance.
3. Before the expiration of the one-year period, current participants in the Origin

Charity Showcase will receive an email notification regarding their annual renewal, which will include a request to submit Section I of the Application.

4. Charitable organizations may request to be removed from the Origin Charity Showcase at any time.
5. The NCA reserves the right to end the Origin Charity Showcase and the Origin Charity of the Year Award at any time and without notice.
6. The NCA reserves the right to remove a charitable organization from the Origin Charity Showcase, at NCA's sole discretion. A charitable organization removed from the Origin Charity Showcase will automatically not be considered for the Origin Charity of the Year Award. Please see Section G below for additional details.

#### **E. PARTICIPANTS' RESPONSIBILITY**

Participants will receive a copy of the NCA Origin Charity Showcase logo, which they can use to recognize their participation in the program. The logo should be published on their website and hyperlinked to <https://www.ncausa.org/About-NCA/Coffee-Gives-Back/Origin-Charity-Showcase>. The logo may be accompanied by the following text: *"[ORGANIZATION NAME] is proud to appear in the National Coffee Association's Origin Charity Showcase, which amplifies the visibility of charitable organizations that improve the lives of producers, their families, and communities at origin."* NCA welcomes the promotion of your participation in the Origin Charity Showcase through additional channels such as newsletters and social media.

#### **F. THE NCA ORIGIN CHARITY SHOWCASE RELEASE WAIVER AND USE OF APPLICANT'S INFORMATION**

The NCA will not return any of the submission materials. By submitting an application for the NCA Origin Charity Showcase, the applicant takes full responsibility for the accuracy of all information submitted and warrants that all necessary permissions have been obtained from others who may have rights to the information and/or materials and that no compensation is due to applicant in exchange for the information/materials submitted. Applicant further holds the NCA and NCA employees, agents, officers, directors, and members harmless from all liability, and grants to the NCA the non-exclusive right to publish, reproduce, and distribute information submitted for the NCA Origin Charity Showcase on the NCA website, at the 2026 NCA Convention, on the 2026 NCA Convention app, and in NCA digital, social, and print communications.

## **G. REMOVAL AND REVOCATION OF THE NCA COFFEE GIVES BACK PROGRAM'S ORIGIN CHARITY SHOWCASE AND ORIGIN CHARITY OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The NCA shall have the sole authority and discretion to remove an organization from the NCA Coffee Gives Back Program and all privileges connected therewith, having determined that there is good cause to do so. This may include, but is not limited to, misrepresentation, fraud, deception, or unethical practices. The NCA's discretion in this matter shall include the right to rescind an Award and remove the organization from the list of honorees and program participants after the Award has been bestowed.

## **H. AMENDMENTS**

The NCA shall have the sole authority to interpret and enforce all terms and conditions contained herein, to make any amendments thereto, and to make further rules as shall be considered necessary. Any and all matters or questions not specifically covered by these terms and conditions are subject to the discretion of the NCA, whose decisions will be final.

## **I. NCA PRIVACY POLICY**

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## **J. QUESTIONS**

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# **2026 NCA ORIGIN CHARITY OF THE YEAR AWARD**

## **A. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

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2. The charitable organizations and/or their programs **must** directly benefit and impact coffee communities at origin through initiatives that (1) focus on capacity building or improving livelihoods and (2) create a stronger, more sustainable supply chain.
3. Applicants must be accepted into the Origin Charity Showcase.
4. Current and new Origin Charity Showcase applicants **must submit** the required information for both the Showcase and Award in both Sections I and II of the Coffee Gives Back Program Application by **November 7, 2025**, to be considered for the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award.

5. Subject to availability and the final 2026 NCA Convention program, an employee or representative of the winning charitable organization can be present at the NCA Annual Convention, which will be held March 12-14, 2026, to accept the Award.
6. The recipients of the Origin Charity of the Year Award are not eligible for the Origin Charity of the Year Award for three years from the time the organization receives the Award (i.e., an Origin Charity of the Year Award Winner in the year 2026 could not repeat until the year 2030).

## **B. AWARD AND BENEFITS**

The winning charitable organization will receive the following benefits:

1. One complimentary delegate registration to attend the 2026 NCA Convention and airfare, hotel, and incidental expenses to attend the 2026 NCA Convention in accordance with the NCA Travel Policy, not to exceed \$5,000.
2. The opportunity to give a 15-minute presentation to the NCA Board of Directors at the 2026 NCA Convention.
3. Recognition at the 2026 NCA Convention Awards Luncheon, including the opportunity to give a brief presentation and receive a commemorative plaque honoring the organization's achievement.<sup>1</sup>
4. The option to have a complimentary display table at the 2026 NCA Convention and one additional complimentary 2026 NCA Convention delegate registration.<sup>2</sup>
5. Recognized on the Convention app.
6. Receive net proceeds from the new Walk/Run event on the Saturday morning of the 2026 NCA Convention.
7. The option to have a complimentary display table to greet participants of the 2026 NCA Convention Walk/Run event.

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<sup>1</sup> The 2026 Origin Charity of the Year Award Winner will be asked to provide promotional photography and short video testimonials for the award presentation.

<sup>2</sup> The location of the display table will be determined by the NCA. The winning charitable organization will be responsible for the production and shipping costs of their materials and displays and for the costs related to any video equipment, computer and accessories, Internet, and electrical power for their display table.

8. Recognition in a press release developed by the NCA.
9. Recognition and promotion via NCA social media platforms.
10. A “Donate Button” placed on the Origin Charity Showcase landing page of the NCA website, which will link directly to its website or donate form.
11. Receive an “NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award Winner 2026” logo to display on its website and place on its marketing materials.
12. Further details will be communicated to the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award before the Convention.

The Finalists of the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year will receive the following benefits:

1. Recognition in a press release developed by the NCA.
2. An “NCA Origin Charity of the Year Finalist 2026” logo to display on their websites and place on their marketing materials.
3. Recognition on the Origin Charity Showcase web page.

### **C. AWARD KEY DATES/DEADLINES**

- **Friday, November 7, 2025:** Deadline to submit Sections I and II of the NCA Gives Back Program Application to be considered for the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award.
- **March 13, 2026:** Awards Presentations during the Friday Award Luncheon & Awards Ceremony at the 2026 NCA Convention.

### **D. JUDGES AND AWARD CRITERIA**

1. The NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award Judges will consist of an independent group of NCA Board of Directors and/or members.
2. The 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award Winner, as well as the two Finalists, will be confirmed by the NCA Board of Directors, based upon the recommendation of the Judges.
3. Awards will be bestowed based on the Judges’ evaluations of each organization’s:
  - Mission & Vision
  - Financial Stewardship
  - Governance & Transparency
  - Programs’ Goals & Objectives
  - Programs’ Challenges
  - Programs’ Results and Long-Term Impact

The organization needs to demonstrate and communicate the impact of its work by using data and analysis. This will be a key element of the judges' consideration.

## **E. AWARD PROCESS AND NOTIFICATION**

### **1. PROCESS**

- a. To be considered for the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award, applicants must meet the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award eligibility requirements and application deadline outlined above.
- b. 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award applicants resubmitting content from a previous application are strongly encouraged to update their applications to reflect the most current information.
- c. The Judges will score eligible applicants based on the criteria outlined above.
- d. The 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award Winner and two Finalists will be determined based on the Judges' scores and the Judges' deliberation and consensus.
- e. The 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award Winner and the two Finalists will be confirmed by the NCA Board of Directors.
- f. The Judges may decide not to give the 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award if, in their sole discretion, the judging criteria are not met by any applicant.
- g. The Judges may decide not to bestow Finalist recognition if, in their sole discretion, the judging criteria are not met by any applicant.

### **2. NOTIFICATION**

- a. The 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award Winner and Finalists will be notified on or about January 15, 2026.
- b. The 2026 NCA Origin Charity of the Year Award Winner will be asked to provide promotional photography and short video testimonials for the award presentation.
- c. Further details will be communicated to the winning charitable organization before the Convention.



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